

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Application No.: 09/973,865	)	Examiner: Hani M. Kazimi
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Filed: October 11, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 3546
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	
CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT	)	
PROCESSING AND CHILD	)	
SUPPORT DISBURSEMENT	)	
PROCESSING	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**NOTICE OF RELATED LITIGATION AND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

As required by M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Office a litigation recently filed involving U.S. Patent Nos. 5,946,669, 6,119,107, 7,225,155, and 7,072,909. The inventor of the above-referenced invention is also listed as the inventor on the patents involved in the litigation. Furthermore, the present application is a continuation of an application that matured into U.S. Patent No. 7,225,155, which is a continuation of an application that matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,119,107, which is a divisional of an application that matured into U.S. Patent No. 5,946,669. A copy of the complaint filed to initiate the litigation on April 4, 2008 is attached.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement

is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please  
charge the fee to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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